



September 21, 2017

Mr. Jeff Bezos
Chief Executive Office, Amazon
2121 7th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98121

Re: City of Edwardsville response to Amazon RFP

Dear Mr. Bezos;

I am very pleased to voice my support for the RFP submitted by the City of Edwardsville for the Amazon second headquarter location.

I am the CEO of Hortica, which is a niche insurance company serving the horticultural industry nation-wide and is a member of the Sentry Insurance Group. Hortica has operated in Edwardsville for over 70 years. We find this community to be an excellent place to live and work.

The City of Edwardsville has been very supportive of our business, working with us on many initiatives. The city officials are responsive and accessible. The city's proactive approach to business development and infrastructure investment has made this area one of the most desirable in the metro-east area.

The educational system is also a real asset to the community. The Edwardsville School District 7 is highly rated and helps us with recruiting new associates to the area. In addition, we employ many graduates from SIUE with Business and IT degrees. This has been an excellent source for new talent.

Edwardsville has a small-town feel, yet has all the conveniences of a large city with only a 20-minute drive to St. Louis. Access to both St. Louis Lambert International Airport and St. Louis Regional Airport makes business traveling convenient and efficient.

I would highly recommend this area for your new headquarters. If any additional information is needed, please feel free to contact me.

Best regards,

Mona B. Haberer
Chief Executive Officer

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